



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the UConn Huskies Women's and Men's Basketball teams have each advanced to the Final Four of the 2026 NCAA Division I Basketball Tournaments, instilling pride and excitement into the hearts of Connecticut's loyal Huskies fans; and

*W*HEREAS, Coach Geno Auriemma – now in his 41st season – has supported the UConn Women in becoming the most successful basketball program in the nation, having won a record twelve national championships and on the pursuit of a thirteenth; and

*W*HEREAS, Coach Dan Hurley – now in his 8th season – has supported the UConn Men in becoming the 2023 and 2024 national champions and hopes to guide his team in bringing home the program's seventh overall championship trophy; and

*W*HEREAS, the players on both teams are more than athletes – they are students who are dedicating themselves to pursuing the rigorous challenges of higher education while simultaneously dominating the sport of basketball at an elite level; and

*W*HEREAS, young basketball fans all over the world dream about coming to Connecticut to play for UConn because this is where champions are made; and

*W*HEREAS, in recognition of the UConn Women's semi-final game against the South Carolina Gamecocks this Friday and the UConn Men's semi-final game against the Illinois Fighting Illini this Saturday, I ask that all Connecticut residents show their Huskies pride and wish our teams well by wearing blue and white and displaying signs and flags supporting the UConn Huskies; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the weekend of Friday, April 3, through Monday, April 6, 2026, as

**CONNECTICUT IS THE BASKETBALL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD AND
THE UCONN BASKETBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE THE BEST
AND MOST TALENTED IN THE NATION, SO LET'S SUPPORT OUR
HUSKIES IN BRINGING THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES
BACK HOME WHERE THEY BELONG WEEKEND**

in the State of Connecticut.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont".

GOVERNOR